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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

I. Introduction

1. In its resolutions 55/235 and 55/236 of 23 December 2000, the General Assembly took a number of decisions with regard to the financing of peacekeeping operations from 2001. In particular, it decided on the parameters of a new set of 10 levels for Member States, to be implemented on a phased basis from 1 July 2001, and took note of voluntary movements by a number of Member States to higher levels than indicated by the parameters spelled out in resolution 55/235. Fuller information concerning the implementation of the provisions of the two resolutions is provided in document A/C.5/55/38.

2. In its resolution 55/253 of 12 April 2001, the General Assembly, inter alia, endorsed the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council that Senegal be added to the list of least developed countries. It also endorsed the recommendation of the Council to defer to its next substantive session consideration of the recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries.

II. Implications of resolution 55/253

3. Under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/235, Member States on the list of least developed countries were assigned to level J under the new system of 10 levels to be introduced from 1 July 2001. This was reflected in the list annexed to the resolution. Resolution 55/235 also provides for the Secretary-General to update the composition of the levels on a triennial basis, in conjunction with the

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regular budget scale of assessment reviews, in accordance with the criteria established, and to report thereon to the General Assembly. As indicated in document A/C.5/55/38, it is the Secretariat's understanding that the first such updating will take place in 2003 for the triennium 2004-2006.

4. It is the understanding of the Secretariat that changes in the list of least developed countries approved subsequent to the adoption of General Assembly resolution 55/235 will be reflected in due course in the updated composition of levels for 2004-2006. At that time, for example, Senegal would move to level J, together with any other Member States that may be added to the list of least developed countries between now and the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly in 2003. Similarly, any Member States graduating from the list between now and then would move up from level J accordingly.

5. Had Senegal been on the list of least developed countries prior to the adoption of resolution 55/235, its effective rate of assessment for peacekeeping during the period from 1 July 2001 to 31 December 2003 would have been 0.0005 per cent, rather than 0.0010 per cent as indicated in annex III to document A/C.5/55/38. The share of Member States in level A indicated in annex III to the earlier report would have been higher as a result by 0.0005 per cent.